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**May 14 Election Information**  
**Streets Bond and City Council Districts 3 and 4**

The next City of Longview General Election will be May 14, 2011. Voters from District 3 and 4 will elect City Council members. Voters from all districts will consider a street bond proposition. Visit the "City Government" page at LongviewTexas.gov to see more information, including maps of council districts. Election results will be posted online after ballots have been tabulated. Please note new polling locations for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. See polling locations listed in sidebar.

**City Council District 3, Southeast Longview:**  
Ballot includes Kaiba G. Williams, Wesly Wade, and Victoria Wilson.

**City Council District 4, Northeast Longview:**  
Ballot includes Wayne Frost. Unopposed candidate declared elected.

**Street Bond Election, All Longview:**  
As part of the May 14 ballot, Longview voters from all districts will consider a proposition that would authorize the issuance of a \$52,600,000 bond "for the purpose of constructing, improving, extending, expanding, upgrading, and developing streets and roads, bridges and interchanges including utility relocation, landscaping, sidewalks, traffic safety and operational improvements, the purchase of any necessary right-of-way, drainage and other related costs." Voters may vote "For" or "Against" the proposition.

To view a list of proposed street projects, see page 2. Background information about the street bond election may be viewed online at LongviewTexas.gov. [continued page 2...](#)

**Sidney Bell Willis**  
**City Councilwoman Finishes Third Term for District 3**

This May, Sidney Bell Willis will finish her third and final term as District 3 City Council member, a role she has held since 2002. Due to term limits, Longview City Council members may only serve three consecutive terms. Ms. Willis received her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Stephen F. Austin University. A life-long Longview resident, she worked for 41 years as a music teacher for Longview ISD. Following retirement, Willis says "I wanted to volunteer in the community, and with an opening on council I thought that was the best thing to do." Willis says "It's been a learning experience for me. I learned people have very different needs and wants. It always comes back to what they expect the City can or should do. Some things can be done, and some can't. I think we also take some things for granted; we don't always see all the hard work in the background by volunteers, leaders and staff."

On City Council, Ms. Willis was known for her quippy comments and questions. "We all need a little levity from time to time, even when we are looking at serious issues," Willis says. "My nine years on Council flew by, but I am proud of the things we accomplished during that time. We try to look at things as a united Longview, but we also know that needs of each district are so varied. I want to thank District 3 for allowing me to serve. Whoever my successor is, I hope they will continue to work together with council and staff with courteous decorum. I have found no disagreement so hard-felt that we couldn't work through it."

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